

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION**

SIMPSON VENTURES, INC.,     )  
                    Plaintiff,     )  
v.                             )  
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MID-WEST METAL             )  
PRODUCTS                    )  
COMPANY, INC.                )  
                    Defendant.     )

Case No. 3:07-cv-00048 WHA-CSC

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PRODUCTS                    )  
COMPANY, INC.,                )  
                    Counterclaimant,     )  
v.                             )  
                                   )  
SIMPSON VENTURES, INC.,     )  
                    Counterdefendant.     )

**STIPULATED MOTION FOR STAY  
AND EXTENSION OF DISCOVERY PERIOD**

This case is presently scheduled for the court's trial term commencing on July 8, 2008, with discovery to be completed by March 30, 2008.

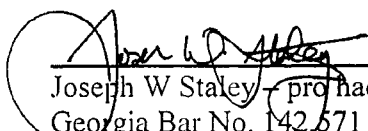
The parties to this action are also parties in a separate civil action on another design patent (Case No. 3:06-cv-901-WKW, M.D. Alabama, Eastern Division, before Judge Watkins). As part of that action, the parties engaged in in-person mediation in Chicago on November 16, 2007. The parties were unable to reach resolution at the mediation, but their discussions into an agreed resolution are continuing. The parties

anticipate that with the intervening holidays, these discussions will extend into January of 2008.

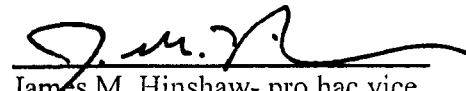
Any resolution of the action before Judge Watkins would likely also resolve this action as well. The parties would like to avoid incurring unnecessary expense in conducting depositions and other discovery while the parties investigate non-judicial settlement options. Accordingly, the parties jointly stipulate to and hereby request a two-month stay of discovery and concordant extension of the deadlines set in the Uniform Scheduling Order issued 6 August 2007, and the trial date. A proposed Order to this effect is submitted herewith.

Dated this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2007.

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**ORDER GRANTING STAY AND EXTENDING DISCOVERY PERIOD**

For good cause shown and upon stipulation of the parties, discovery is stayed and the deadlines set in the Uniform Scheduling Order issued 6 August 2007 are extended for a period of two months.

This cause is re-set for trial during the term of the court commencing on

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United States District Judge